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<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>U.S. Patent Nos.</u>
Hepburn	4,397,308
Hepburn	4,485,808
Hepburn	4,508,111

Applicant respectfully submits that the above-mentioned references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing and the making of the references formally of record in the instant application is respectfully requested.

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